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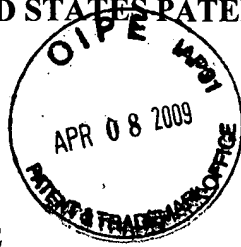
In re the application of:

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Serial No. : **10/528,832**

Filed : **March 23, 2005**

For : **PROCESS AND PLANT FOR
ULTRAPURIFYING FUMES OR GASES
WITH TOTAL RECOVERY OF
THE RESULTANT POLLUTANTS**



Examiner: **Ives Wu**

Art Unit: **1797**

Confirmation No: **3737**

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

The present remarks are responsive to the Advisory Action mailed on March 24, 2009. This Advisory Action indicated that claims 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 12-28, 30 and 31 are allowed, but claims 2, 5, 8, 10, 11 and 58-75 are rejected. It is appreciated that the Amendment filed March 9, 2009 was entered.

As indicated in our Amendment filed on March 9, 2009, the undersigned appreciated the interview conducted by Examiners Smith and Wu. During the course of this interview, claim 75 was discussed which recites a process of the total recovery of micro pollutants within a snow producer in the presence of a flow of only snowflakes produced within the snow producer. The aforementioned Advisory Action indicated that the application was not in condition for allowance because new independent claim 75 was rejected based upon the previously cited references to Starr and Haruch. The undersigned contended that the Starr reference provided a chamber which included snow crystals and not only snowflakes. The Examiner included an article from Wikipedia which defined snow as being composed of small ice particles. Therefore, according to the Examiner, applicant's inclusion in claim 75 of using a process in which micro pollutants are subjected to only snowflakes would be provided in the combination of the Starr and Haruch references since the snow crystals in the Starr reference are considered to be snow.